



# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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March 29, 2011

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
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Dear Supervisors:

# ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

34 March 29, 2011

*Sachi A. Hamai*  
SACHI A. HAMAI  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD  
GARNET PUMP STATION REHABILITATION  
IN THE UNINCORPORATED COUNTY AREA  
EAST OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4)  
(3 VOTES)**

### **SUBJECT**

This action is to approve a project for the replacement of electromechanical equipment for Garnet Pump Station in the unincorporated County area east of the City of Lakewood; find the project categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act; adopt the plans and specifications; call for bids; and authorize the Chief Engineer or her designee to award, execute, and implement a construction contract with the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid.

### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:**

1. Find that this project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Approve the project and adopt the plans and specifications that are on file in the Construction Division of the Department of Public Works for Garnet Pump Station Rehabilitation, replacement of electromechanical equipment, in the unincorporated County area east of the City of Lakewood, at an estimated cost between \$550,000 and \$750,000.

3. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise for bids to be received and opened on May 5, 2011, in accordance with the Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisements.
4. Authorize the Chief Engineer or her designee to award, execute, and implement a construction contract with the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid within the estimated cost range, approve the Faithful Performance and Labor and Material bonds and insurance submitted by the contractor, and deliver the project.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended actions is to obtain approval of the project from your Board, acting as the governing body of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, and to adopt the plans and specifications; advertise for bids; and authorize the Chief Engineer or her designee to award, execute, and implement a construction contract with the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid for the replacement of electromechanical equipment at a flood control pump station and the performance of other appurtenant work.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). The recommended actions will help meet these goals by improving the operation of this flood control facility during storms.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated construction cost to complete this project is in the range of \$550,000 to \$750,000. Funding for this project is included in the Fiscal Year 2010-11 Flood Control District Fund Budget.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

This project, to contract for the rehabilitation of a pump station, is part of the Department of Public Works' (Public Works) ongoing program for the operation and maintenance of flood control pump stations. It will be advertised in accordance with Section 20991 of the State Public Contract Code.

This project is to be completed in 70 working days; however, an additional 120 working days are required for the contractor to obtain the necessary equipment and materials. Therefore, it is estimated the work will start in April 2012 and be completed in July 2012.

Delegating to the Chief Engineer or her designee the authority to award, execute, and implement this construction contract allows an expedited contracting process to obtain a contract for the replacement of electromechanical equipment.

The contract agreement will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

The award of the contract will not result in unauthorized disclosure of confidential information and will

be in full compliance with Federal, State, and County regulations. The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to comply with terms and conditions supporting your Board's ordinances, policies, and programs including, but not limited to: the County of Los Angeles' (County) Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; the County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206; and the standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

The State Public Contract Code requires the County to award construction contracts to a responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid, which is defined as the firm that: (1) submits the bid with the lowest cost; (2) is deemed by the County to be responsive to specific criteria under the solicitation including, but not limited to, licensure, bonding, and insurance requirements; and (3) is determined by the County to be a responsible bidder by exhibiting the capability, capacity, experience, trustworthiness, and financial wherewithal to perform the work required under the bid solicitation.

To ensure that the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy No. 5.140, the information reported by the contractor will be considered before making a recommendation to award.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and are on file with Public Works.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15301(b) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines and Class 1, Subsections (c), (e), and (l), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987. The exemptions provide for the restoration and repair of buildings, structures, and equipment; existing flood control facilities; and the replacement of pumps, valves, and other mechanical equipment.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

This project will be contracted on an open-competitive bid basis. The award by the Chief Engineer or her designee will be made after review of the bids meeting the criteria established by your Board and the State Public Contract Code.

To increase contractor awareness of Public Works' program to contract work out to the private

sector, this project will be listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact by improving the operation of these flood control facilities during storms.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER  
Director

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c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)  
County Counsel  
Executive Office  
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance